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Sir:

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1. The three page facsimile sent on December 7, 2007 was sent in error to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The fax is a copy of a letter from Douglas J. Christensen to Mr. Hidehiko Okada dated December 7, 2007. This letter is currently the first entry in PAIR entitled "12-07-2007 Miscellaneous Incoming Letter" associated with the above-referenced file.

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